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3A, MONACO. Leo, K8PYD, reports to us that he will be on the air from **February 18th to March 2nd**, possibly as **3A/K8PYD**. Operations are to be mainly RTTY with some CW.

3B8, MAURITIUS. The "DX News Letter" reports to look for Hans, DJ7MI, to be active this week from **February 2-20th** as **3B8/DJ7MI**. He will be on the air especially on CW on the lowbands. QSL via bureau to DJ7MI.

3W, VIETNAM. The "DX News Sheet" reports Nikolay/UA0FM (**3W5FM**) is now active on 160 meters (1825kHz) at his sunrise (2316z) for Europe. QSL via his home callsign.

5A, LIBYA. Abubaker, **5A1A**, continues to be active on 10 meter CW mostly weekends around 28040 kHz between 1545 and 1630z. Also, check for SSB activity on 28445 around the same times. For low band activity, check between 2100 and 0000z on 160/80 meters. He says QSL by "Registered Mail" ONLY to Box 74421, Tripoli, Libya.

5H, TANZANIA. Ralph, **5H3RK**, is another very active station from here. Some may remember Ralph who was previously active as Z21HS a couple of years ago or so. He is a very active CW op who likes low bands when possible. Over the last week, he has been heard on 20 and 40 meters between 2000 and 0400z. He will be attached to the Swedish Embassy for the next couple of years. Between Ralph and Dave, 5H3US, they should provide a lot of DXers with Tanzanian QSOs. He has met Dave, 5H3US, and perhaps they will get together for a serious CQWW 160 effort. So far, from temporary quarters, he just has a multi-band vertical on the air. But he has a yagi and will probably put it up soon now that he's in permanent quarters. QSL via Ralph Karhammar, 5H3RK, PO Box 9274, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

5H, TANZANIA. The "DX News Sheet" reports Maurizio, IK2GZU, will be active **February**

8-28th, while working at a mission. No callsign was mentioned. He will be active on the HF bands using a tri-band beam and dipoles. QSL via home callsign direct or bureau (E-mail request can be sent to ik2gzu@spidernet for bureau cards).

9G, GHANA. The "DX News Letter" reports that Seth/9G1OO, Arie/PA3ERA, and Bert/PA3FUE intend to activate the club station **9G1AA in Dormaa-Ahenkro** during **February** (no specific dates given). Look for them to be active mostly on CW on 20/15/40 meters. DO NOT QSL via PA2FAS. The correct QSL route is via PA3ERA, Arie Barendrecht, Taankade 10, NL-3311 TN Dordrecht, The Netherlands (also for 9G1OO and PI4DEC).

BT1WW, CHINA. During this past weekend, the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) aired a special event experimental station **BT1WW** for 48 hours to participate in the **CQWW 160-meter Contest from Beijing**. What was unique is that the antenna is some 300 feet above the ground, but the sad news is that the location is rather noisy and mounting a receiving antenna was impossible. The operators of this event are BA1AB, BA1OK, OH2BH and others.

CT3, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Alain, F5LMJ, will be active as **CT3/F5LMJ** from **February 13-20th**. He will be active on CW on 10, 14 and 18 MHz (10110, 14030 and 18080 kHz). However, his activity will be limited because he is on vacation.

HK0, SAN ANDRES. Carl, WB4ZNH, reports that he and his wife (Martha, WN4FVU) are going on a contest DXpedition with a group from the Woodbridge Wireless from Northern, VA, as **HK0/W4DC**. He states they will be there for two weeks in San Andres, "alternately relaxing, building the station, killing ourselves during the contest and then packing it all back up again." Their operation will take place during the **ARRL DX Phone Contest** the first full weekend of March. He also mentions that they are attempting to get a special distinctive Columbian callsign for the duration of the contest and that it might not be possible, so if not, they will be signing HK0/W4DC. For more information, check their Web page at:

<http://www.pwcweb.com/wwi/DXpedition/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **IOTA 99.** The annual convention of the IOTA will take place in Alicante, Spain, April 24-25th. All the details of this great event can be found on the URE's WEB site at:
<http://www.ure.es>
- **NEW ONES.** Joe/I2YDX and Roberto/IK2WXZ will be signing **E30LA** and **E30MA** respectively by the time you read this, but their first activity will be from **Dahlak Archipelago (AF-038)** and may be over (QTH February 1st). However, they plan to activate two non-number Eritrean IOTAs, one from **February 2-3th** and the other **February 6-7th**. The dates of the two unnumbered ones will depend on the weather and any local problems. QSLs will go via their home callsigns.
- **NA-074. KL7AK** will be active from **Nunivak Island, Alaska**, located in the Bering Sea about 150 miles West of Bethel, Alaska. This is a RARE ONE for IOTA. KL7AK will be active **June 4-7th**. There will be two stations on SSB/RTTY/CW. Check the usual IOTA frequencies, but mainly 14260 kHz. QSL to KL7AK via the callbook address or Bureau.
- **SA-008.** The crew of the Ushuaia Radio Club activate **LU8XW** during the **CQWW 160 Meters Contest** this past weekend. Their location was on **Tierra del Fuego Island**.
- **SA-046.** Ciro, PY7ZY, reports that between **February 6-17th**, he will put **Itamaraca Island** on the air as **PY7ZY/7** on CW/SSB. QSL to: Cicero Xavier da Silva - PY7ZY,

P.O. Box 501, 58001-970 - Joto Pessoa - PB - Brazil. This visit is in preparation for the **IOTA Contest in July** when the callsign **ZX7XX** will be activated. Operators will be PY7XC/Jim, PY7ZY/Ciro, PY7ZZ/Fred, PR7PO/Alex and PR7FB/Jack.

- **EU-011.** TOM/G0PSE and STEVE/G4EDG will be active **July 22-29th**, on CW/SSB 160-10 meters on **St. Mary's Island (Isles of Scilly)** using the callsign **GB0SM**. They will also be participating in the **IOTA Contest (July 24-25th)** with the callsign **G5M**. QSL via Bureau or Direct via G3WNI: Bill Lindsay-Smith, Way Close, Madford, Hemyock, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3QY

ITU NEWS. From Saturday's (January 23rd) New York Times: "In a step towards virtual statehood, **Palestinians** are about to be granted a form of long-distance independence, their own country code for international telephone calls..... Over Israeli objections, the International Telecommunications Union quietly announced this month that the area code 970 had been reserved for the Palestine National Authority territory in the West Bank and Gaza. The union, a United Nations affiliate based in Geneva, agreed in principle to give the Palestinians a code at its membership meeting in November..... The International Telecommunications Union governs the global allocation and regulation of area codes, broadcast frequencies, Internet bandwidths and satellite signals. It voted to give Palestine its own country code, as well as its own radio call signs and broadcast frequency assignments."

J3, GRENADA. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Bill, K4LTA, plans to be active as **J3/K4LTA** from **March 10th-April 10th**. QSL via homecall.

KH6, HAWAII. Look for Richard, K5NA, to be active this month as **KH6X, February 16-27th**. Activity includes an entry in the **ARRL DX CW Contest**.

PIRATE ALERTS.....

- Rob, HJ3PXA, reports that a station signing **OA4CRK** is operating from Bogota unlicensed. This station has operated several of the last contests and has recently given out QSOs leading everybody to believe he is operating from PERU. He never says portable /HK3.
- Elmo, EA5BYP, QSL Manager of 3C1GS, reports a station using the callsign **3C1GS** has been active on CW. He states this is a pirate because 3C1GS only operates SSB.
- More on **VK4XN**. Ken, VK3AKK, suggests that the reports of a VK4XN may not be a pirate but a case of "poor hearing". As a DXer, Ken states that he has been watching the 80m DX window since it was opened to VK. He has spoken to other Vks and they have never heard a VK4XN there. But, there is a VK2XN, Wayne, and he is very active there as well as 40m and other bands. Wayne is located in northern VK2 and is usually on the air with a group of VK4s. So, this may be the reason, perhaps, a check of the bogus QSLs against Waynes log may reveal the answer.

POSSIBLE NEW ONE? Foreign Minister Ali Alatas announced Wednesday, that Indonesia will propose to the People's Consultative Assembly, the nation's highest constitutional body, that **East Timor** be allowed to become **independent**. Alatas said the Indonesian government will put the proposal to the assembly by the end of this year. The assembly would then vote on whether to allow East Timor to become an independent country.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Daniel, YO2LDE, reports that he has received the QSL cards from the printer for his past DXpedition to Albania (**ZA/YO2LDE - 1997**). He states that he has sent all the QSL cards out for this DXpeditions via bureau or direct. If anyone has not received a QSL, Daniel suggests to go to his Web Page to first check the interactive Log Book for their contacts before re-QSLing. His Web site is: <http://www.qsl.net/yo2lde/search.html>
- Juan's, **CO8TW**, QSL Information and Log for this past weekend's **CQWW DX CW 160 Contest** are as follows. QSL to: Juan Carlos Veranes, CO8TW, PO Box 8, Santiago de Cuba, CP 90100, CUBA. QSL Manager is W3HNK. His E-mail address is: co8tw@co9nla.uo.edu.cu His contest log will be available on the NFDXA's page Web at: <http://db-sales.com/nfdxa/logs/logs.html>
- Harry, RA3AUU, SRR Vice President/Contest Committee, reports that the **ONLY incoming IARU affiliated bureau for Russia** is Box 59, Moscow, 105122, Russia.
- **QSL CARDS FOR ZS75SIG.** QSL cards for this special event will be sent out towards the end of February/March. A request to all stations that worked this event is to please send QSL cards as soon as possible as Edwin, ZS5BBO, wants to get the QSL cards all posted ASAP. QSL to ZS5BBO, PO BOX 211032, Bluff, 4036, South Africa.
- **QSL Manager Mario, DJ2MX (ex-DL1FDV), has a new address.** He is the QSL Manager for following stations: T94DX, T94DO, VK4SK and 4N4MX. Please use the address: Mario Lovric, Am Oelberg 11, 61231 Bad Nauheim, Germany/EU. Mario mentions many USA and JA stations are sending ONLY 1 USD for return postage. He states that this is not enough because it cost him 3 DM (that is about 1.8 USD). For Europe, 1 USD OK. All other countries, outside of Europe, must send 2 USD or 1 IRC. Mario will answer ONLY if enough return postage is enclosed! All other QSLs would be sent via the bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. Operators CO8DD, CM8SW, CM8YK, CO8TW, CO8HF, CO8KL, CO8YL, CM8UF and CO8IK will activate the station **CO9NAA** in commemorating the **146 anniversary of the birth of Jose Marti**, the Cuban's national hero. They will be active on all HF band with two stations. QSL via CO8RCB: PO Box 5, Santiago de Cuba, CP 90 100, Cuba. E-mail request: co9naa@co9nla.uo.edu.cu

SPECIAL EVENT. Another country/station (please refer to OPDX.393) has announced that they will be active with a special callsign to honor the work done by the **coast radio stations** around the world for almost 100 years. Communication on CW will stop on February 1st at most of the world's coast radio stations as the new GMDSS system will take over communications with ships. Look for **JW0LGS** to be active **February 1-28th**. Operations will take place form **Svalbard Radio/LGS** - the world's northernmost coast radio station. JW0LGS will be operating CW only 1830, 3510, 7010, 10110, 14010, 18070, 21010, 24890 and 28010 kHz. Operators will be JW5NM and JW6MY. QSL via JW5NM, Box 498, 9170 Longyearbyen, Svalbard Island, Norway.

SPECIAL EVENT/PREFIX. From **February 1-7th**, look for operators RK3RWR and RW3RQ, from the "Michurinsk Contest Groupe", to activate the special callsigns **UE3RCG** and **UE3ROM**, respectively. Activity will be on all bands CW/SSB and the WARC bands. You can receive a "MCG-MEDAL" trophy for QSOs with these 2 stations during this period. This trophy is free, but please send QSLs and LOG data to: Andy B. Yatskiv, RW3RQ, P.O. Box 30, Michurinsk 393740, Russia. For more details, send E-mail to: valer~su@html.ru

T3 DXPEDITIONS (Also 3D2). Members of the OKDX Foundation, Jarda/OK1RD,

Jiri/OK1RI and Slavek/OK1TN will be active from **West Kiribati (T30)** and **Kanton Island (T31)** or **Banaba Island (T33)**. The team will first start their activity on **February 25th** from Nadi, Fiji, for 4 days as **3D2TN**. On **February 28th**, they will take a flight from Nadi to **Tarawa, Kiribati**. From **March 1st**, for **about a week**, they will operate as **T30RD** from **Tarawa**. During their time spent in Tarawa and depending on the current situation there, they will hire a boat with 2 sailors to sail to **Kanton Island** or **Banaba Island**. They are hoping that on **March 10th or about**, their activity will start from **Kanton Island** as **T31RD** or **Banaba Island** as **T33RD** and last **until March 28th**. They spend more time operating in Tarawa until April 8th, where they will take a flight back to Fiji and further via L.A., Frankfurt to Prague. The crew's operations will be on all bands including the WARC bands with two complete HF stations on CW/SSB modes only. QSL cards for all operation via OKDXF.

T9 & ZA OPERATIONS UPDATE. Daniel, YO2LDE, provided OPDX with another update and states that these operations are a "GO". Operation **will start February 15 and end on February 25th** (He did not say which country he will start in). Daniel will operate with the callsigns **ZA/YO2LDE** and **T9/YO2LDE**. Suggested frequencies are:

RTTY - 3588, 7038, 14088, 21088 and 28088 kHz
CW - 14020, 18090, 21020, 24900 and 28020 kHz
SSB - 14215, 18145, 21215, 24945 and 28495 kHz

QSL direct ONLY to YO2LDE: Daniel M. Vuescu, Zadei F3-1-7, RO-1700 Resita, Romania. Or to N1NJ: Tony Naglieri, 22 Sherwin Street, Ware, MA 01082-1020, USA. DO NOT SEND QSL VIA "YO (Romania)" BUREAU !!!

VP9, BERMUDA. Dick, N1RCT, will be on a RTTY DXpedition now **through Thursday, February 4th**, as **VP9/N1RCT**. Activity will be from the North Shore on 20 meters RTTY. He will use a multi-band dipole and a 100W. Special attention will be given to JA/SE Asia from 2200-2300z each day. Send direct QSLs (with SASE, etc) to: Eddie Schneider, W6/G0AZT, P.O. Box 5194, Richmond CA 94805. QSLs can also be sent via Bureau to N1RCT ONLY (no bureau to W6/G0AZT!). There is a minor Web page setup on:
<http://www.megalink.net/~n1rct/dxcc/vp9.html>

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Ian, **ZD9IL**, is not very active at the moment as he is having transceiver problems. His QSL Manager ZS5BBO will advise us when Ian has his transceiver up and running again.

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA. Edwin, **ZS5BBO**, reports to OPDX that he is still active daily on 20 meters (+/- 14205) from 1500z daily.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. Please send all DX announcements/information **"ONLY"** to the addresses below and **"NOT"** to the distribution InterNet address of:
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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. (provide by "QTC Magazine" and Tony Pernas, EA1CSI):
<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcpdxd.htm>

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